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For: SHEET FEEDING APPARATUS, IMAGE

READING APPARATUS AND IMAGE

FORMING APPARATUS

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.